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STATEMENT SUMMARIZING INTERVIEW

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies and thoughtful treatment afforded to their undersigned representative during a personal interview conducted on December 5, 2007. A statement summarizing this interview follows.

During the interview, it was agreed that the applied art did not show a liquid container having an elastic supporting member having a second engaging portion and an operating portion, wherein the second engaging portion is disposed at a position closer to a free end of the elastic supporting member than the operating portion. Representative examples of this arrangement are shown in the context of Figures 61 and 65 of the subject application, although these examples are not to be viewed as limiting.

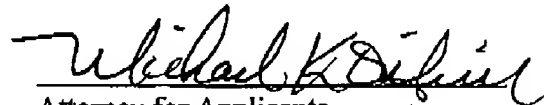
Both independent claims herein (i.e., Claims 154 and 210) have been amended so as to refer to the "second" engaging portion. In addition, these independent claims have been amended so as to eliminate the requirement that the second engaging portion is faced outwardly or inwardly; dependent Claims 216 through 219 provide added details on the facing arrangement of this second engaging portion.

In view of the agreements reached at the interview, and the amendments hereinabove, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance.

Turning to formal matters mentioned in the Preliminary Amendment dated October 29, 2007, it is respectfully requested for the next Office Action to acknowledge the Information Disclosure Statement dated May 16, 2006 (for which a form PTO-1449 was provided recently) and the Information Disclosure Statement dated September 11, 2007.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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